

THE FALCON'S FOCUS



Freedom Crossing Academy Newsletter

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*Proud to be an
"A" School in the*



Falcon Families,

We hope this edition finds you and your family well.

While your child is here at FCA we work to instill good character. This is embedded in our mission and vision statement of 'Take F.L.I.G.H.T.' and 'Break Barriers', which are in line with the SJCS D Character Counts initiative. We are asking that our parents help us be good models in this as well. We have received complaints from local residents that our families are parking on side streets and in other areas to drop off and pick up their children. This is resulting in unsafe practices and even preventing residents from being able to leave their streets. If you are dropping your child off or picking them up in your vehicle, please use the designated car line on the school campus. We work very hard to have a school that is a welcome and valued part of the community, please help us with this.

I hope you join us for the PTO Read-a-thon this Thursday evening from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. We have some wonderful authors lined up for this event along with other fun literacy activities! Pre-orders for Chick-fil-A dinners are due today.

Congratulations to our Cheerleading Team! This team took FIRST PLACE in state competition for their division this past weekend. We are very proud of them!

Congratulations to 7th grader Ryan Gass, who represented our school in the Florida All-State Middle School Honor Band last week in Tampa! This week we have eight Falcon Band members representing us in the St Johns County Middle School Honor Band. We are proud of these hard working students!

Family Knight will be February 10th – Once again we will be partnering with local schools for a Family Knight. This was started by Creekside H.S. and has been adopted by many local schools. On Monday, Feb. 10th we will not assign any homework and students should not have to study for a test. This night is dedicated to families spending time together.

Have a great week,

Allen Anderson

Important Dates




- Jan. 23—PTO Camp Read-a-lot
- Jan. 27 – Class Pictures (K-5)
- Jan. 27 – Elementary Battle of the Books
- Jan. 28 – B-ball vs. SPMS
- Jan. 29 – Middle School Battle of the Books
- Jan. 30 – B-ball at PVA
- Jan. 31 - In-service Day, No school for students
- Feb. 7 - Daddy Daughter Dance
- Feb. 10 - Family Knight—no homework
- Feb. 10 - 14 - Spring Book Fair
- Feb. 17 - Presidents Day, No School

Upcoming PTO Events This Week!

FCA Camp
READ-A-LOT
Family Literacy Night

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM
FREEDOM CROSSING ACADEMY

- Attend Meet & Greet Read Aloud sessions with local authors
- Sing campfire songs
- Make a bookmark for your reading adventures at home
- Bring a gently used book and take home a new read at the Bring a Book, Take a Book Swap
- Savor a campfire treat
- Create camping and book-themed crafts


PRE-ORDER DINNER BY JANUARY 21
(form on back)

Support the Falcons!



Congratulations to **Mrs. Julie Haden**, first grade teacher at FCA, for being selected as a finalist for St Johns County Teacher of the Year!

February 10—14, 2020

We need volunteers to make the bookfair run smoothly!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4eacae29a1fc1-fcabookfair1>



See the latest PTO newsletter here:

<https://www.smores.com/f1mr2-news-from-the-nest>

News from the Counselor's Corner

In order to accomplish the district and state mandated safety requirements for grades K-5, our guidance department will be teaching Lesson 1 of the Monique Burr Foundation Child Safety Matters program. The lesson will empower students to identify and respond to bullying, cyberbullying and other digital dangers. The presentation is grade appropriate and covers the following 5 points of staying safe...

- Know What's Up
- Spot Red Flags
- Make a Move
- Talk It Up
- No Blame/No Shame

For additional information and resources, please visit the website at www.mbfpreventioneducation.org.



Fellow Falcons, are you wondering why we have a huge rock nestled between the car and bus lanes in front of the school? Well, your PTO is planning a fun opportunity for you to creatively support our school. Look for more information in future newsletters, on our website and social media, and in your Falcon Folders.

Order Your Yearbook



Order by January 31 to ensure that you get a yearbook!

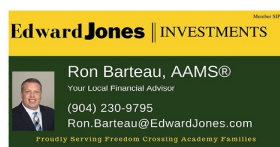
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Freedom Crossing Academy PTO invites
all FCA young ladies and their fathers
or father figures to our second annual

Daddy-Daughter

SWEETHEART FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 FCA CAFETORIUM DANCE

DANCE TIMES

Kindergarten-2nd Grade
5:00-6:30 PM

3rd Grade-7th Grade
7:00-8:30 PM

**Dancing &
Desserts &
Book Fair &
Photobooth &
Sweet memories**

RSVP by January 31, 2020 via form on back.

Tickets are \$20 per couple and \$10 for each additional guest.

Two or more daughters in two different dance times? You may select the same dance time for all daughters.

Questions? Email freedomcrossingpto@gmail.com.

Complete and return this form with cash or check to your oldest student's teacher by **January 31, 2020**.
Make check payable to **FCA PTO**.

DAUGHTER'S NAME	TEACHER'S NAME	DANCE TIMES	COST
		<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten—2nd Grade (5:00—6:30 PM) <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Grade—7th Grade (7:00—8:30 PM)	\$20
		<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten—2nd Grade (5:00—6:30 PM) <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Grade—7th Grade (7:00—8:30 PM)	\$10
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FATHER/FATHER FIGURE'S NAME			TOTAL

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